

Existing law (R.S. 14:46.2 - Human trafficking) provides that it is unlawful for a person to knowingly recruit, harbor, transport, provide, solicit, or obtain another person through fraud, force, or coercion to provide services or labor.

New law adds that it shall also be unlawful for a person to knowingly maintain the use of another person in the human trafficking activity, to knowingly benefit from the human trafficking activity, or to knowingly facilitate any of the human trafficking activities by any means, including but not limited to helping, aiding, abetting, or conspiring, regardless of whether a thing of value has been promised to or received by the person.

Prior law (R.S. 14:46.3 - Trafficking of children for sexual purposes) prohibited any person from engaging in any of the following:

- (1) To knowingly recruit, harbor, transport, provide, sell, purchase, or otherwise obtain a person under the age of 18 years for the purpose of engaging in commercial sexual activity.
- (2) To knowingly benefit from participation in a venture which has engaged in activity prohibited by prior law.
- (3) For any parent, legal guardian, or person having custody of a person under the age of 18 years to knowingly permit or consent to a minor entering into any activity prohibited by prior law.

New law retains prior law except it provides that it shall also be unlawful for any person to engage in any of the following:

- (1) To maintain the use of another person under the age of 18 for the purposes of sexual trafficking.
- (2) To knowingly benefit from such activity.
- (3) To knowingly facilitate any of the sexual trafficking activities by any means, including but not limited to helping, aiding, abetting, or conspiring, regardless of whether a thing of value has been promised to or received by the persons.
- (4) To knowingly advertise any of the sexual trafficking activities.

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(Amends R.S. 14:46.2(A) and 46.3(A)(1) and (2), (B), and (D)(1); Adds R.S. 14:46.2(D) and 46.3(A)(4) and (5) and (G))